

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for Middle River and its tributaries in Augusta County. The Upper Middle River, Lower Middle River, Moffett Creek, and Polecat Draft were originally listed as impaired in the 1996 303d Report. All streams were listed for violations of the water quality standard for bacteria and the Upper Middle River segment and Moffett Creek were additionally listed for the general aquatic life (benthic) standard. TMDLs for bacteria were developed to address the bacterial impairments in all streams. A TMDL for sediment in Upper Middle River and Moffett Creek were developed to address the benthic impairments. These TMDLs were approved by EPA on August 10, 2004 and are available on DEQ's website at http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_report_search.cfm.

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

DEQ and DCR will hold a final public meeting on **Thursday, December 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.** to inform the public of the IP development and to solicit comments on the draft document. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Augusta County Government Center in Verona.

The draft Implementation Plan will be available for review on the web no later than December 10, 2009 at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/iprpts.html>. The public comment period for this final public meeting will end on **Monday, January 11, 2009**. Questions or information requests should be addressed to

Nesha McRae, DCR. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Nesha McRae, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 44 Sangers Lane, Suite 102, Staunton, VA 24401, telephone (540) 332-9238, or e-mail nesha.mcrae@dcr.virginia.gov.